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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **GOTOU, Nobuhiro, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2874**

Serial No.: **10/516,301**

Examiner: **Jennifer DOAN**

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For: **METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING AND LAYING OPTICAL FIBER CABLES**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 24, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 25, 2006**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.